

# GOSA Policy on School Code Changes

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## Introduction

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This document summarizes the process the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) uses to match schools across years for the Financial Efficiency Star Rating (FESR), the Opportunity School District (OSD) eligibility criteria, Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS) awards, Strategic Waiver School Systems (SWSS) evaluation, and GOSA's School Grades Reports. Each year, the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) produces a list of schools, which have changed school codes between school years for various reasons. In general, these changes fall into the following categories:<sup>1</sup>

- **Changed School Code-** The school code changed between years. This can occur for many reasons, such as a change in grade served or a change in address.
- **Merged Schools-** Two or more schools merged to become one school,
- **Split Schools-** One school split into two or more schools. The new schools may or may not serve the same, adjoining, or overlapping grade spans.
- **Authorizer Change-** A district charter school becomes a state charter school or vice versa or forms a new Local Education Agency (LEA) out of an existing LEA.
- **Special Case-** This includes other changes not included in the above categories. For example, all elementary schools in a district were K-5. Now, schools are split into K-2 and 3-5.
- **Closed Schools-** A school is closed and does not fall into any of the categories above, as determined by GOSA.
- **New Schools-** A school is opened and does not fall into any of the categories above, as determined by GOSA.

If a school is not identified in one of the categories above, GOSA will link expenditures and College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) scores across years by school code, regardless of grade configuration or other changes at the school.

The next section provides the business rules for handling school code changes in these categories and lists all affected schools. Note that the school codes used in expenditures file, known as the DE046, used in the FESR often lag those used in the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment files and the CCRPI. Additionally, it is not uncommon that districts continue to report expenditures to outdated school codes. Therefore, for FESR purposes, it is important to assess school code changes in the years following the actual change. This document contains information for school code changes from 2012 forward for CCRPI purposes and for 2015 forward for expenditures data.<sup>2</sup>

For calculations requiring enrollment counts, the Fall FTE counts (K-12) are used when related to expenditures to proportionally assign funds, and the FK-12 enrollment counts from GaDOE's Student Record are used to assign the CCRPI by weighted average. GOSA utilizes the following rounding rules:

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<sup>1</sup> While this document outlines procedures for assigning expenditures and CCRPI scores for many school code changes, it is not feasible to anticipate every potential situation. As such, GOSA will respond to unique circumstances in a manner consistent with these procedures.

<sup>2</sup> The SSAS awards use CCRPI component scores (Achievement points, Progress points, Achievement Gap points, and Challenge points) for 2013 forward. Additionally, GOSA's School Grades Reports include information on certain Achievement indicators. Therefore, any reference to CCRPI scores refers to the CCRPI single score, the component scores, and performance on certain achievement indicators as well, unless otherwise noted.

- Dollar amounts are rounded to the nearest cent (e.g., \$100.24).
- CCRPI scores are rounded to the nearest tenth (e.g., 64.5).
- Enrollment percentages are rounded to the nearest hundredth (e.g., 45.55%).

## **Changed School Code**

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GOSA uses the school's most recent code and changes all previous years to match this code. This category includes schools that close and reopen with a different name or building but maintain substantially the same grade span and/or student attendance zone. This applies to the following schools:

### **2012 to 2013**

#### **Bartow County**

Context/Details: Cloverleaf Elementary changed its school code from 1052 to 115.

#### GOSA Calculation

- Expenditures data: Both school codes report expenditures in 2015; combine under school code 115.
- CCRPI: Cloverleaf Elementary received a score in 2012 under 1052; assign to school code 115. The school received a score in 2013 under school code 115. No changes are required.

#### **Chatham County**

Context/Details: Oglethorpe Charter School changed its school code from 400 to school code 118.

#### GOSA Calculation

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 400 in FY15. No changes are required.
- CCRPI: Oglethorpe Charter School received a score in 2012 under 400; assign to school code 118. The school received a score in 2013 under school code 118. No changes are required.

#### **Cherokee County**

Context/Details: Ball Ground Elementary School changed its school code from 1050 to school code 213.

#### GOSA Calculation

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 1050 in FY15. No changes are required.
- CCRPI: Ball Ground Elementary received a score in 2012 under 1050; assign to school code 213. Ball Ground Elementary received a score in 2013 under code 213. No changes are needed.

#### **Cobb County**

Context/Details: Clarkdale Elementary School changed its school code from 2054 to school code 117.

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 2054 in FY15. No changes are required.
- CCRPI: Clarkdale Elementary School received a score in 2012 under 2054; assign to school code 117. The school received a score for 2013 under school code 117. No changes are needed.

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Context/Details: Mableton Elementary School changed its school code from 5062 to school code 118.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 5062 in FY15. No changes are required.
- CCRPI: Mableton Elementary School received a score in 2012 under 5062; assign to school code 118. The school received a score for 2013 under school code 118. No changes are needed.

### **Douglas County**

Context/Details: Factory Shoals Elementary School changed its school code from 189 to school code 213.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 189 in FY15. No changes are required.
- CCRPI: Factory Shoals Elementary received a score in 2012 under 189; assign to school code 213. The school received a score under 213 in 2013. No changes are required.

### **Treutlen County**

Context/Details: Treutlen Elementary School changed school codes from 2050 to school code 113.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No expenditures were reported for school code 2050 in FY15. No changes required for FY15.
- CCRPI: Treutlen Elementary School received a score in 2012 under 2050; assign to school code 113. The school received a score under 113 in 2013. No changes are required.

Context/Details: Treutlen Middle/High School changed from 3050 to school code 213.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: In FY15, combine expenditures for school codes 3050 and 213 and assign to school code 213.
- CCRPI: Treutlen Middle/High School received a score in 2012 under 3050; assign to school code 213. The school received a score under 213 in 2013. No changes are required.

### **2013 to 2014**

#### **Barrow County**

Context/Details: Bear Creek Middle School, formerly Winder-Barrow Middle School, changed school codes from 2052 to school code 114.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: In FY15, combine expenditures for school codes 2052 and 114; assign to school code 114.
- CCRPI: Winder-Barrow Middle School received a score in 2012 and 2013 under 2052; assign to school code 114.

**Chatham County**

Context/Details: The STEM Academy at Bartlett, formerly Bartlett Middle School, changed school codes from 5050 to 124.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: In FY15, combine expenditures for school codes 5050 and 124; assign to school code 124.
- CCRPI: Bartlett Middle School received a score in 2012 and 2013 under 5050; assign to school code 124.

**Cobb County**

Context/Details: Smyrna Elementary School (214) opened in FY14 to replace the closing Brown Elementary School (4052).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: In FY15, combine expenditures for school codes 4052 and 214; assign to school code 214.
- CCRPI: Only Brown Elementary (4052) received a CCRPI score in 2012 and 2013, recode this to school code 214.

**Gwinnett County**

Context/Details: GIVE Center West changed school codes from 107 to school code 1114.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No changes required.
- CCRPI: The 2012 and 2013 scores for GIVE Center West associated with school code 107 will be counted under school code 1114.

Context/Details: Gwinnett Online Campus changed from 1212 to school code 1214.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No changes required.
- CCRPI: The 2012 and 2013 scores for the Gwinnett Online Campus associated with school code 1212 will be counted under school code 1214.

**2014 to 2015**

No changed school codes

## Merged Schools

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GOSA combines data for merged schools using the weighted average of enrollment where appropriate, even for prior years. The Fall FTE counts (K-12) are used when related to expenditures to proportionally assign funds, and the Full Academic Year (FAY) counts are used to assign the CCRPI by weighted average. This applies to the following schools:

### **2012 to 2013**

#### **Monroe County**

Context/Details: William M. Hubbard Middle School (305) and Banks Stephens Middle School (177) merged to form Monroe County Middle School, Banks Stephens Campus (113).

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No changes required in FY15.
- CCRPI: Calculate a new 2012 CCRPI score for school code 113 using a weighted average by FAY enrollment of the scores for William M. Hubbard Middle School (305) and Banks Stephens Middle School (177). Banks Stephens Campus received a score under 113 in 2013. No changes are required.

#### **Sumter County**

Context/Details: Cherokee Elementary (295) merged with Sarah Cobb Elementary School (395) to form Sarah Cobb Elementary School (395).

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Both schools have expenditures in FY15; combine under Sarah Cobb Elementary School (395).
- CCRPI: Calculate a new 2012 CCRPI score for school code 395 using a weighted average by FAY enrollment of the scores for Cherokee Elementary (295) and Sarah Cobb Elementary School (395). The combined Sarah Cobb Elementary School received a score under 395 in 2013. No changes are required.

### **2013 to 2014**

#### **Rabun County**

Context/Details: Rabun Gap Elementary School (3550) and South Rabun Elementary School (5050) merged to form Rabun County Primary School (114).

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: No changes required in 2015.
- CCRPI: Calculate a new 2012 and 2013 CCRPI score using a weighted average by FAY enrollment of the scores for Rabun Gap (3550) and South Rabun (5050). Rabun County Primary School did not receive a CCRPI score under 114 in 2014; no changes are required.

### **2014 to 2015**

#### **Muscogee County**

Context/Details: Cusseta Road Elementary School (1056) and Muscogee Elementary School (2065) merged to form Dorothy Height Elementary School (215).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: FY15 expenditures reported for all three school codes; combine these expenditures and assign to school code 215.
- CCRPI: Calculate new 2012, 2013, and 2014 CCRPI score using a weighted average by FAY enrollment of the scores for Cusseta Road Elementary School (1056) and Muscogee Elementary School (2065) and assign to school code 215.

#### **Atlanta Public Schools**

Context/Details: Booker T. Washington High School for Banking (112), Booker T. Washington High School for Health and Sciences (114) and Booker T. Washington Early College Small School (113) merged into Booker T. Washington High School (315).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Combine the expenditures for school codes 112, 114, and 113 in FY15 (only school code 112 reported expenditures) and assign to school code 315.
- CCRPI: Calculate new 2012, 2013, and 2014 CCRPI score using a weighted average of the scores for Booker T. Washington High School for Banking (112), Booker T. Washington High School for Health and Sciences (114) and Booker T. Washington Early College Small School (113) and assign to school code 315.

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## **Split Schools**

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When a school splits into more than one school, GOSA assigns expenditures and CCRPI scores for the unified school in prior years to the new school codes. This applies to the following schools:

### **2012 to 2013**

#### **Calhoun County**

Context/Details: Calhoun County Middle/High School (4050) split into Calhoun County High School (113) and Calhoun County Middle School (213).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Expenditures were not reported for 4050 in FY15. No changes required.
- CCRPI: Assign the 2012 CCRPI score for Calhoun County Middle/High School (4050) to Calhoun County High School (113) and Calhoun County Middle School (213). The two new schools received CCRPI scores in 2013. No changes required.



**Gilmer County**

Context/Details: Ellijay Elementary (212) split into Ellijay Elementary (212) and Ellijay Primary School (113).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Expenditures were reported for both school codes. No changes required.
- CCRPI: Only Ellijay Elementary (212) received a CCRPI score in 2012 and 2013. No changes required.

**2013 to 2014**

**Gordon County**

Context/Details: Sonoraville East Middle School (192) split to form Red Bud Middle School (115, grades 6 and 7) and Sonoraville Middle School (192, grade 8).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Both school codes have expenditures in FY15; no changes are required.
- CCRPI: Assign the 2012 and 2013 CCRPI for school code 192 to both school codes. No changes required for 2014.

**Lee County**

Context/Details: Lee County Middle School split (101) into two schools: Lee County Middle School East (114) and Lee County Middle School West (101).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Both school codes have expenditures in FY15; no changes are required.
- CCRPI: Assign the 2012 and 2013 CCRPI for school code 101 to both school codes. No changes required for 2014.

**Long County**

Context/Details: Walker Middle School (school code 105, grades 4-8) split into Long County Middle School (school code 114, grades 6-8) and Walker Elementary School (school code 214, grades 4-5).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: In FY15, no expenditures were reported for school code 105; no changes are required.
- CCRPI: For 2012 and 2013, assign the CCRPI single score for school code 105 to the new schools (school codes 114 and 214). For 2013, assign the CCRPI component scores for the elementary cluster for school code 105 to Walker Elementary School (214) and the component scores for the middle school to Long County Middle School (114). No changes required for 2014.

**2014 to 2015**

None

## **Authorizer Change**

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GOSA determines how to handle changes in authorizers on a case-by-case basis.

### ***2012 to 2013***

#### **Ivy Preparatory Academy School**

Context/Details: Ivy Preparatory Academy School moved from being a Gwinnett County district charter school in 2012 to a commission charter school in 2013.

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Because the new school is in a different LEA, no changes are required.
- CCRPI: No changes are required.

### ***2013 to 2014***

None

### ***2014 to 2015***

#### **State Charter Schools – Georgia Cyber Academy**

Context/Details: Georgia Cyber Academy (7820120) founded and developed out of the Odyssey School (7820110).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Because the new school is a different LEA, no changes are required.
- CCRPI: No changes are required.

## Special Cases

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GOSA decides special cases on a case-by-case basis. This applies to the following schools:

### **2012 to 2013**

#### **Elbert County**

Context/Details: Elbert County condensed its PK-5 schools (Doves Creek Elementary (100), Blackwell Elementary School (177), Beaverdam Elementary School (1050), Falling Creek Elementary School (1052), and Bowman Elementary School (3050)) into three schools: Blackwell Learning Center (113, PK), Elbert County Primary School (213, K-1), and Elbert County Elementary School (313, grades 2-4). All fifth graders moved to Elbert County Middle School (104), which became 5-8.

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: FY15 expenditures were reported for school codes 100, 1050, 1052, and 3050. These expenditures will be reallocated to the new schools based on enrollment numbers the year immediately following the changes (FY13; only 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be counted for school code 104) and added to the expenditures reported to the new school codes.
- CCRPI: The 2012 scores from the old elementary schools (100, 177, 1050, 1502, and 3050) will be combined based on 2012 FAY enrollment and assigned to the new elementary school codes (213 and 313). Elbert County Middle School (104) received a 2012 CCRPI score; no changes are required. Elbert County Middle School (104) and Elbert County Elementary School (313) received CCRPI scores under their new codes in 2013 and Elbert County Primary School (213) did not receive a CCRPI score in 2013; no changes are required.

#### **Atlanta Public Schools**

Context/Details: Atlanta Public Schools combined four PK-5 schools (Miles Elementary School (204), Adamsville Elementary School (2050), Grove Park Elementary School (5560), and Woodson Elementary School (5569) into two PK-2 schools (Adamsville Primary School (413) and Woodson Primary School (613)), a 2-5 school (Miles Intermediate School (513)), and a 3-5 school (Grove Park Intermediate School (713)).

#### GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: FY15 expenditures were reported for the old school codes (204, 2050, 5560, and 5569). These expenditures will be reallocated to the new schools based on enrollment in the year immediately following the changes (FY13).
- CCRPI: The 2012 scores from the old schools will be combined based on 2012 FAY enrollment and assigned to the new school codes. Miles Intermediate School (513) and Grove Park Intermediate School (713) received CCPRI scores under their new codes in 2013, and Adamsville Primary School (413) and Woodson Park Elementary School (613) did not receive scores in 2013; no changes are required.

### **2013 to 2014**

None

## **2014 to 2015**

### **Crisp County**

Context/Details: Crisp County condensed its two lower elementary, Blackshear Trail Elementary School (1050) and J.S. Pate Elementary School (5050) and two upper elementary schools, A.S. Clark Elementary School (297) and Southwestern (2052) into a Pre-K school: Crisp County Pre-K (5050), one lower elementary school: Crisp County Primary School (115), and one upper elementary school: Crisp County Elementary School (2052).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: School code 5050 reported expenditures in FY15; allocate to school codes 115 and 2052 based on enrollment in the year after the change (FY15).
- CCRPI: For 2012, 2013, and 2014, combine the CCRPI scores for school codes 1050, 5050, 297, and 2052 and calculate new scores using a weighted average of FAY enrollment in those respective years.<sup>3</sup> Assign this CCRPI score to school codes 2052 and 115. Do not assign this CCRPI score to Crisp County Pre-K (5050) because this is a PK only facility.

### **Houston County**

Context/Details: Houston County (Warner Robbins) reconfigured two PK-5 schools, Linwood Elementary School (102) and Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175) into a PK-2 school, C.B. Watson Primary School (102) and a 3-5 school, Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Both school codes reported expenditures for FY15; no changes required.
- CCRPI: For 2012, 2013, and 2014, combine the CCRPI scores for both schools using a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign this CCRPI score to both school codes.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Blackshear Trail Elementary School (1050) and J.S. Pate Elementary School (5050) did not receive Progress and Achievement Gap scores in 2013 and 2014. Therefore, combine the Progress and Achievement Gap scores for the two upper elementary schools and calculate the new scores using a weighted average of FAY enrollment for those two schools and assign these scores to the new upper elementary school (2052). Do not assign the Progress and Achievement Gap scores to the primary school (115). In 2013 and 2014, Southwestern Elementary (2052) and A.S. Clark Elementary School (297) received points on elementary achievement indicators 9 and 10 (percentage of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading on grade level). Combine these percentages based on a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign the weighted average for performance indicator 9 to Crisp County Primary, since it now serves 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and the weighted average for performance indicator 10 to Crisp County Elementary, since it now serves 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

<sup>4</sup> Do not assign a new Progress and Achievement Gap score to C.B. Watson Primary school (102) since it is a PK-2 school. In 2013 and 2014, Linwood Elementary (102) and Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175) received points on elementary achievement indicators 9 and 10 (percentage of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading on grade level). Combine these percentages based on a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign the weighted average to Pearl Stephens Elementary School (175) because it now serves 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Context/Details: Houston County (Perry) changed the grade configurations of three schools (400, 2054, and 3056) and created three PK-5 schools: Langston Road Elementary School (117), Morningside Elementary (2054), and Tucker Elementary School (3056).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Perry Primary School (400) reported expenditures in FY15; these should be summed and reallocated to the new schools based on Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade enrollment in the year following the change (FY15).
- CCRPI: For 2012, 2013, and 2014, combine the CCRPI scores for 400, 2054, and 3056 using a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign this CCRPI score to the new school codes (117, 2054, and 3056).<sup>5</sup>

**Meriwether County**

Context/Details: Meriwether condensed four of its schools into three after closing the Greenville Middle School (400). Most of the students at the closed Middle School were transferred to the new combined Greenville Middle/High School (300), with the exception of the sixth graders who were enrolled in either of the two PK-6 elementary schools, Unity Elementary (100) or George E. Washington Elementary (102).

GOSA Calculation:

- Expenditures Data: Greenville Middle School (400) reported expenditures for FY15 that should be allocated by grade and enrollment to the high school (300) and the two elementary schools (100 and 102). Determine the percentage of students in each grade at Greenville Middle School in the last year of its existence (FY14). Allocate expenditures to the high school based on the percentage of students in grades 7 and 8. Determine the percentage of students in grade 6; split that percentage between the elementary schools based on 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment at the schools in the year following the change (FY15) and assign the percentage of expenditures from the middle school based on enrollment in grade 6.
- CCRPI: For 2012, 2013, and 2014, the elementary schools both received CCRPI scores; no changes required. For 2012, 2013, and 2014, combine the CCRPI scores for the middle school and high school using a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign this CCRPI score to the new combined middle/high school (school code 300).<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Perry Primary School (400) did not receive Progress or Achievement Gap scores in 2014. Calculate the new Progress and Achievement Gap scores using the weighted average from the other two schools. In 2013 and 2014, Morningside Elementary School (2054) and Tucker Elementary Schools (3056) received points on elementary achievement indicators 9 and 10 (percentage of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade reading on grade level). Combine these percentages based on a weighted average of FAY enrollment. Assign the weighted average to the new PK-5 schools (117, 2054, and 3056).

<sup>6</sup> Assign the component scores for Greenville Middle School (400) to Greenville High School (300). No changes required for the high school component scores. This school code change does not affect 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, so no changes are required for elementary indicators 9 and 10. Assign the middle school indicator for 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading for Greenville Middle School to the new combined middle/high school (school code 300).

## **Summary of Revisions**

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### ***May 6, 2016***

- Information added on Clarkdale Elementary School (Cobb County) in the “Changed School Code” section
- Information added on Calhoun County Middle/High School (Calhoun County) in the “Split Schools” section
- Clarification on how weighted averages are calculated. The previous version stated that this calculation used FAY enrollment. The calculation actually uses enrollment from Student Record, the same enrollment records used by GaDOE when calculating a school’s single score.
- Information added on how to calculate certain achievement indicators